

Kutztown University Dean's Institute

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Jeff Anderson

Building Grammar into the Writing Process

(For teachers of students in grades 3 – 9)

Explore how weaving grammar and editing into the context of writing and literature can be meaningful, interactive, and fun. Jeff will share practical methods such as using mentor texts, wall charts, visual scaffolds, and express-lane edits so your students will use grammar to improve and craft their writing.

Jeff Anderson is the author of *Everyday Editing*, *The Craft of Grammar*, *Mechanically Inclined*, and the award winning article, *Zooming In and Out: Putting Grammar Into Context*.

Jeff taught English and reading at a title I middle school in San Antonio, Texas. For eighteen years, he worked with teachers and students in schools, specializing in strategies to improve writing instruction with students in kindergarten through eighth grade. Jeff's strategies for teaching grammar through a writer's workshop model are effective for teaching all students, including English Language Learners.

Participants will receive a copy of Jeff's book, *Mechanically Inclined: Building Grammar, usage and Style Into Writer's Workshop*.

Mark Overmeyer

When Writing Workshop Isn't Working

(For teachers of students in grades 2 – 6)

Writer's workshop doesn't always go as planned. In this interactive presentation, you will receive tips on how to get your workshop back on track. Questions addressed include:

- How do I help students who don't know what to write about?
- How can I use assessment to inform my instruction and not just for giving writing a score?
- How can I encourage my students to revise more effectively?
- How can I support English Language Learners in a writing workshop?
- How can I prepare students for standardized testing while still using a writing workshop model?
- How can I most effectively and efficiently manage conferences in the writing workshop?

Mark has worked for more than 20 years in Cherry Creek schools near Denver, Colorado as a classroom teacher in grades 2 – 6, a special education and Title I teacher, and a coordinator for gifted programming. During summers, Mark teaches graduate classes in literacy at the University of Colorado. He is also an instructional coach for the Denver Writing Project.

\$150 registration fee for Anderson or Overmeyer three day institute

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